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**TO:** Providers of Pharmaceutical Services - **For Action**

**SUBJECT:** **Required Enrollment of Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) Participating Pharmacy Providers in the Medicare Program**

**EFFECTIVE:** For claims with service dates on or after **September 1, 2000**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Newsletter is to notify pharmacy providers enrolled in the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program of the requirement that they must become approved Medicare providers of medical supply services. However, they may enroll as non-participating Medicare providers. The PAAD program is not requiring that they accept assignment or submit claims to Medicare.

**BACKGROUND:** Certain prescription drugs and diabetic materials covered by PAAD are eligible for reimbursement by the Medicare program as medical supply services. These drugs include certain oral/injectable chemotherapy drugs, immunosuppressant drugs, anti-neoplastic drugs, epoetin alfa (EPO) injections, pneumococcal pneumonia vaccines, influenza vaccines, hepatitis B vaccines, bronchodilator drugs, oral anti-emetics associated with cancer chemotherapy and diabetic materials.

**ACTION:** Effective for claims with dates of service on or after September 1, 2000, the Department of Health and Senior Services is requiring that all participating providers of pharmaceutical services also become approved Medicare providers of medical supply services.

Claims with dates of service on or after September 1, 2000, submitted by a provider of pharmaceutical services, that is not approved as a Medicare provider of medical supply services, or that has not shown a good faith effort to apply to become a Medicare provider, may be denied continued participation in the PAAD program.

In order for the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to properly identify those pharmacies that are approved Medicare providers of medical supply services, pharmacies participating in the PAAD program must validate their enrollment in the Medicare program as approved providers of medical supply services **no later than September 1, 2000.**

The following information **must** be submitted to DHSS to validate the enrollment of a pharmacy in the Medicare program as an approved provider of medical supply services:

1. An approval letter from the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC), P.O. Box 100142, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-3142. The NSC may be contacted at (803) 754-3951 from 8:00AM to 8:00 PM Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. According to the NSC, approximately 8-10 weeks are required for a Medicare provider application to be processed. **The Medicaid/PAAD pharmacy provider number associated with the approved Medicare medical supplier must be documented in the approval letter.**

**or**

2. A recent copy of an original HCFA 1500 claim form imprinted with the Medicare medical supplier identification number for the pharmacy associated medical supplier and its service location. **The Medicaid/PAAD pharmacy provider number associated with the approved Medicare medical supplier must be documented on the original HCFA 1500 claim form.**

**In order to enroll, the NSC will require the following information:**

1. Your federal tax identification number (or employer identification number, if required); and
2. The name and address of the pharmacy associated medical supplier.

An application fee is not required to request enrollment as a medical supplier in the Medicare program.

**NOTE:** If your pharmacy has submitted an application to become a Medicare provider, but has not yet received an approval letter from the NSC, please submit a copy of your completed application to the Provider Enrollment Unit to insure that you may continue to participate in the PAAD program.

Please submit the HCFA 1500, the approval letter, or the copy of the completed application to:

PAAD Program  
Attention: Zankhana Desai, R. Ph.  
Pharmacy Consultant  
P.O. Box 719  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0719

If you have any questions regarding PAAD or concerning this particular Newsletter, please contact the Pharmacist Consultant at PAAD, DHSS, at (609) 588-7032.

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